Substitute f	or Form PTC	1449					
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Complete if Known			
(use	as many she	ets as	necessary)	Application No. Filing Date First Named Inventor Art Unit Examiner Name	SWAYZE, Jeffrey S. et al.		
Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket No.	END5131-0517373		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner initials	Cite No.		DOCUMENT NUMBER mber-Kind code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
BN		US-	448,194	03-17-1891	Balbin	rigures Appear		
1		US-	804,229	11-14-1905	Hutchinson			
		US-	1,944,166	01-16-1934	Stratman			
		US-	2,883,984	04-28-1959	Candido, Jr. et al.	/ /		
		US-	3,269,630	08-30-1966	Fleisher	/ /		
		US-	3,661,187	05-09-1972	Caveney et al.			
		US-	3,837,555	09-24-1974	Green	/ /		
		US-	3,949,924	04-13-1976	Green			
		US-	3,955,581	05-11-1976	Spasiano et al.			
		US-	4,154,239	05-15-1979	Turley	/ /		
		US-	4,276,878	07-07-1981	Storz			
		US-	4,580,712	04-08-1986	Green			
		US-	4,589,870	05-20-1986	Citrin et al.			
		US-	Re. 32,214	07-22-1986	Schramm	_/_/_		
		US-	4,606,343	08-19-1986	Conta et al.			
		US-	4,664,305	05-12-1987	Blake, III et al.			
		US-	4,671,278	06-19-1987	Chin			
		US-	4,869,415	09-26-1989	Fox	/		
		US-	4,976,686	12-11-1990	Ball et al.			
_		US-	5,040,715	08-20-1991	Green et al.	/ / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / 		
		US-	5,307,976	05-03-1994	Olson et al.			
		US-	5,314,424	05-24-1994	Nicholas			
		US-	5,376,095	12-27-1994	Ortiz	/////		
	US- US-		5,413,267	05-09-1995	Solynties et al.	- //		
			5,467,911	11-21-1995	Tsuruta et al.			
		US-	5,509,596	04-23-1996	Green et al.			
		US-	5,573,541	11-12-1996	Green et al.			
		US-	5,579,978	12-03-1996	Green et al.			
		US-	5,706,997	01-13-1998	Green et al.			
		US-	5,706,998	01-13-1998	Plyley et al.			
		US-	5,728,108	03-17-1998	Griffiths et al.	//		
		US-	5,730,740	03-24-1998	Wales et al.			
		US-	5,735,874	04-07-1998	Measamer et al.	/		

EXAMINER SIGNATURE B

DATE CONSIDERED 9-1-04

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here is English language Translation is attached.

Substitu	ite for F	orm PTO	1449							
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				Complete if Known						
			Application No.							
(use as many sheets as necessary)				Filing Date						
				First Named Inventor			SWA	al.		
					Art Unit	Art Unit				
					Examiner Na	Examiner Name				
Sheet		2	of	2	Attorney Docket No.		t No.	END5131-0517373		
BN	<u> </u>	US-	5,735		04-07-1998		Vidal et al.		1	
	 	US-	5,762		06-09-1998		Mastri et al.			
	ļ	US-	5,782,396		07-21-1998		Mastri et al.			
 	 	US-	5,782		07-21-1998		Mastri et al.			
	 	US-	5,855		01-05-1999			Hamblin et al.		
	 	US-	5,865		02-02-1999		Milliman et al.			
	 	US-	5,893		04-13-1999		Powell			
	 	US-	5,894,979 5,976,160		04-20-1999		Powell			
	 	US-			11-02-1999		Crainich			
	 	US-	6,032,849 6,079,606		03-07-2000 06-27-2000		Mastri et al.			
		US-			09-19-2000		Milliman et al.			
		US-	6,120,526 6,241,139		06-05-2001		Daley Milliman et al.			
_		US-	6,330,965			12-18-2001 Milliman et al.		_		
	 	US-	6,330		12-18-2001		Milliman et al.		<u> </u>	
		US-		0117533	08-29-2002		Milliman et al.		 	
		US-			00-23-2002		williman et al.			
		1		FORI	EIGN PATENT I)))	CUMENTS			
Examiner	Cite	Foreign Patent Document					Pa	ges, Columns, Lines,		
initials	No.	Country	y Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind code ⁵		Publication Date		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited	Whe	ere Relevant Passage or Relevant Figures	s
BN		(if known) EP 0 070 230 A1		MM-DD-YYYY	_	Document	Appear		T ⁶ Abstract	
1314					07-06-1982		actel S.A.			
l WO 99/15086 04-01-1999 U.S. Surgical Corp.										
			OTH	ER PRIOR ART -	- NON PATENT	LIT	ERATURE DOCU	MENT	S	
Examiner initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or								Te .
Bel						•				

CinLibrary/1331002.1

EXAMINER SIGNATURE ________ DATE CONSIDERED _________ 9-1-04

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformanc with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here is English language Translation is attached.